

Senate Resolution 946

By: Senator Black of the 8th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Wallace Lawson Jernigan and dedicating a bridge in his memory;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace Lawson Jernigan was born on June 23, 1925, in Jesup, Georgia,
4 and earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology,
5 where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Jernigan worked as an engineer and surveyor, county surveyor, and
7 licensed funeral director and maintained an oil agency and apiary business; and

8 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
9 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
10 dramatically by his decades of public service; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Jernigan was elected to the Georgia Senate in 1958, where he served as
12 chairman of the Senate Committee on Educational Matters and earned accolades for
13 promoting legislation developing criteria for teachers' salaries and qualifications; and

14 WHEREAS, he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1962 but resigned
15 shortly thereafter to serve as executive secretary to Governor Ernest Vandiver, administering
16 the Governor's policies and coordinating between various state departments; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Jernigan managed a successful congressional campaign for Williamson S.
18 Stuckey in 1966 and went on to serve for six years as his administrative assistant in
19 Washington, D.C., and four years as his district representative in Homerville, Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, upon Congressman Stuckey's retirement, Mr. Jernigan worked for the United
21 States Department of Agriculture, where he specialized in making loans for apartments in
22 rural areas and for water, sewer, and other community facilities for small towns; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
24 contributions of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by
25 dedicating a bridge in his memory.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge over Little Suwannee Creek in Clinch County
28 is dedicated as the Wallace Lawson Jernigan Memorial Bridge.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
30 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Wallace Lawson Jernigan
31 Memorial Bridge.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Mr.
34 Wallace Lawson Jernigan and to the Department of Transportation.